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Once before, when Harold Talbot was nominated to be Secretary of the Air Force I laid before Sen. Dick Russell of Georgia, the able chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the scathing record which the late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes had written on Talbot and war-profits conflict of interest. But the scholarly Georgian decided President Eisenhower had a right to pick his Air Force Chief regardless of the past damning record. Later President Eisenhower was forced to fire Talbot for a new conflict of interest.

Tommy Thompson wants to quit as Ambassador in Moscow too, but is also trapped by the Berlin crisis. After four years in Moscow, Thompson wants a new assignment. But now that



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## New flavor

He will probably be replaced as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee by Edward Maguire, one of the president's close associates. Maguire, a Boston attorney, handled Kennedy's appointments during the campaign.

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